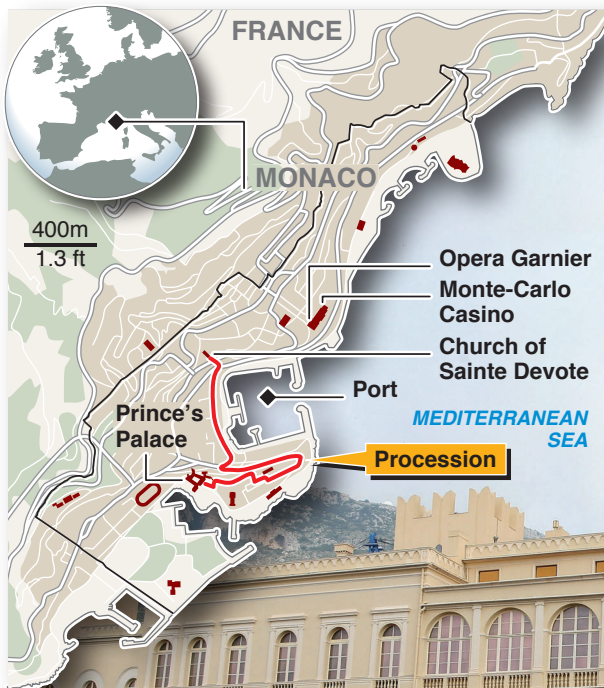


# Monaco set for fairytale royal wedding

Prince Albert II of Monaco ends decades as one of Europe's most eligible bachelors when he marries Charlene Wittstock, a former Olympic swimmer from South Africa. Monaco last celebrated a wedding of its ruling prince in 1956, when Albert's father, Prince Rainier III, married film star Grace Kelly, bringing a huge dose of glamour to the tiny Mediterranean principality



## FRIDAY, JULY 1

■ **17.00:** Civil wedding ceremony in throne room of Prince's Palace, witnessed by Monaco citizens on giant screens in Palace Square

■ **17.50:** Royal couple appear on palace balcony before cocktail buffet in square for all citizens

■ **20.00:** Reception at port for residents of Principality

■ **22.00:** Port transformed into one-night stage for specially created sound and light concert by **Jean-Michel Jarre**

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

■ **17.00:** Religious wedding in main courtyard of palace – gates remain open to allow around 3,500 guests to be seated for ceremony

■ **18.30:** Couple driven to Church of Sainte Devote, dedicated to Monaco's patron saint, where bride will leave her bouquet

■ **21.00:** Official dinner on terraces of Opera Garnier and Monte-Carlo Casino followed by ball at Opera

■ **Midnight:** Fireworks



*Processional route to Sainte Devote made in luxury hybrid vehicle, underscoring Prince Albert's commitment to environmental conservation*

**Lexus LS600h**

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